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**TEAMER HERE
WITH HERRING**

**Converted French Steam
Trawler from Green Bay
N. F. Brings Big Cargo.**

Three arrivals of Newfoundland herring here this morning constituted the first list since Saturday. Yesterday morning, the British steamer Baleine, formerly a French trawler arrived from Green Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt and pickled herring, comprising 2300 barrels and 20 barrels pickled, which is one of the largest ever brought here. Sch. J. J. Flaherty from the Bay of Islands has 1500 barrels salt herring, 1000 barrels pickled herring and 125,000 lbs. salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The British sch. W. C. McKay, which was loaded by Capt. George Peeples, arrived this morning with 1834 barrels salt herring and 137 1-2 barrels pickled herring, the largest sailing vessel herring cargo arriving here to date. On account of the heavy wind and as outside, the gill netters with the exception of steamer Ethel have not been out since Friday.

Gloucester Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Bay of Islands, 1500 bbls. salt herring, 125 bbls. pickled herring, 125,000 lbs. salt cod. British sch. W. C. McKay, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1834 bbls. salt herring, 137 1-2 bbls. pickled herring. British str. Baleine, Notre Dame, N. F., 2300 bbls. salt herring, 200 bbls. pickled herring. Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh herring. Sch. Josephine DeCosta, via Boston. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, via Boston. Sch. Elva L. Spurling, via Boston. Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

Portland Fishing News.

The sch. Bernie and Bessie arrived in harbor Friday with a fare of about 1000 pounds of mixed fish. Included in the fish were two monster lobsters, weighing 11, 1-2 pounds and the other 9 1-2 pounds. The only other arrival of the day was the steamer Ir. with about 1000 pounds, practically all of the fleet taking advantage of the pleasant outlook for good weather and got under way yesterday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Manhasset and sch. Leonora left sailed from Liverpool, N. S., Friday. Sch. Margaret, Capt. Ernest Englem, halibut, was in Lockeport, N. F., Friday and cleared for fishing.

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Week's Landings at Boston.
Arrivals of fresh groundfish at Boston for the week ending December 4, amounted to 1,610,020 pounds from 66 fares as compared with 918,430 pounds from 44 arrivals for the corresponding period of a year ago.

Changing to Haddocking.

Sch. Mystery, Capt. James Mason, which has been halibuting the past year will now change over to haddocking.

Sch. Volant Hauled Up.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Gus Dunskey of the halibut fleet has hauled out until after New Year's.

Sch. Yakima at Pensacola.

Sch. Yakima, which was sold a number of weeks ago from this port to Pensacola, to engage in the snapper fishery, arrived at her destination Sunday in command of Capt. Frank Cooney.

In a wire to his son, Anthony Cooney, the captain announced the safe arrival of vessel and crew. The Yakima was 35 days on the voyage and it is presumed that she met head winds and bad weather on the passage down, as the length of her voyage would indicate.

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**BIG COD FARES AT
FULTON MARKET**

The market was in very bad shape last week, due to heavy arrivals of cod and other ground fish, some of which did not arrive at a time when there was call for it, and when it was received it was usually doubled up with another day's shipments, thereby glutting the market. Because of the heavy fog on Tuesday no boats arrived from the East, while on Wednesday the supply for two days was received owing to the arrival of two boats each from Fall River, New Bedford and New London. There was no boat on Thursday, so that fish which should have arrived that day was not received in the market until nearly noon on Friday, when the business of the week was practically over.

Codfish was in heavy supply, market fish selling at 1 1-2 to 2 cents during the entire week, while steak cod was abegging at 4 to 7c. A great part of the steak cod supply was made up of small fish which had to be sold at 4c. Small market cod sold at \$1 to \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

The only stock handled by the regular market crafts was codfish, with the exception of one trip of weakfish, about 1,000 bushels, and 30 bluefish Saturday on another vessel.

Haddock sold at 4 to 6c; hake, 2 to 2 1-2c, with the exception of Saturday and Monday, when 2 to 4c was asked. Pollock brought 2c, with the exception of Wednesday, when sales were made at 2 1-2c.

Halibut—Western whitefish was quoted at 12c from Monday on Eastern white halibut brought 20c on Thursday and 21c on Friday.

Large mackerel brought 41c each, and small 25c.

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**NOT AN ARRIVAL
IN HERE TODAY**

Not an arrival of any description was reported here up to noon today. Yesterday afternoon sch. Elva L. Spurling arrived with a small shore fare which she took to Boston.

It has been a hard streak for the gill netters, the fleet having been storm-bound since Saturday. All the boats are tied up again today and are hoping for clearing weather tomorrow.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore, 7500 lbs. fresh fish (went to Boston).

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, Boston.
Sch. Jeanette, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.
Hake, \$1.80.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.
Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round 80c; dressed 90c.
Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.
Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

Galveston Fleet Has Motors.

The red snapper fishing fleet of the Gulf Fisheries Co., are now being equipped with auxiliary motors. These crafts leave Galveston, Texas, on month-long fishing trips for red snappers off the Campeche Banks. Capt. J. W. Munn, of the Gulf Fisheries Co. is supervising the motor equipment.

Says "Motorboat," the New York monthly, about the fishing fleet of Galveston: "The old-time independent fisherman also puts in here (Galveston) with his battered but serviceable motor boat, as does the independent oysterman, each with his cargo of succulent sea food. And the bogy of the high cost of living is made far less terrifying in many Galveston homes of moderate circumstances through the agency of the efficient little motor-boat."

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**TWO SHORE BOATS
ALL AT BOSTON**

Only two arrivals made the new pier since yesterday. They were schs. Elva L. Spurling, with 7500 pounds and Jeanette, 4500 pounds.

On account of the scarcity in the market, prices took a climb, wholesalers quoting \$7.50 a hundred for haddock, \$8.50 for large and \$5 for market cod, \$4 to \$6 for hake, \$4 to \$4.25 for pollock, and \$2.75 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Jeanette, 300 haddock, 900 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk, 300 pollock.
Haddock, \$7.50; large cod, \$8.50; market cod, \$5; hake \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$4.25; cusk, \$2.75.

**STEAM TRAWLER
FOR LOCKEPORT**

The Irish trawler Andromanche, which operated on the grounds during the past summer, making North Sydney her headquarters, landed seventy tons of fish on Vooght's wharf last week, and after taking on board forty tons of ice, sailed Saturday for Lockeport. She will engage in the fresh fish business during the winter, her owners having arranged with the Lockeport Cold Storage Company to buy her catch.

The Andromanche is the first Irish trawler to operate in our waters, and the success attending her efforts surpassed by far the fondest expectations of her owners, netting them handsome returns. Mr. Dunne, who makes North Sydney his headquarters, represents the trawler's owners, and he is now arranging to forward the seventy tons of fish stored in Vooght's warehouse to Dublin, Ireland. If he is successful in securing about 200 more tons he will charter a vessel to carry the cargo direct from here, otherwise he will forward the seventy tons to Halifax where they will be placed on board a steamer for shipment across. Next year the Andromanche's owners intend sending out four or more trawlers to fish out of North Sydney.

Before leaving here Saturday four of the crew of the Andromanche refused to remain on the vessel, being anxious to leave for their homes in Grimsby, England. As they spent lavishly while on shore they had precious little coming to them when paid off, and therefore unable to buy their tickets for home. Two of their number, however, secured places on outgoing steamers, and are now on their way home. The other two are giving worry to the immigration authorities, but no doubt before becoming public charges will secure berths on outgoing steamers, as sailors and firemen are somewhat hard to obtain.—North Sydney Herald.

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BAY OF ISLANDS HERRING NEWS

Herring were scarce at Bonne Bay when the Meigle was there.

There were good indications of herring off Curling on Monday and yesterday.

There is a large fleet of vessels now at North Arm, seeking herring cargoes.

N. Fisher shipped 150 barrels pickled herring from Humbermouth last week.

At Meadows on Monday, herring were plentiful, and those who had nets set there did well.

The sch. Atalanta, from Gloucester, reached Bonne Bay on Friday, on her second herring trip.

The Gloucester sch. Ramona arrived at Bay of Islands last week on her second herring trip for the season.

In Middle Arm, Bay of Islands, herring have struck down, but in Goose Arm boats get from 5 to 20 tubs daily.

The American sch. Senator, on her second herring trip for the season, arrived at Bay of Islands on Saturday.

The early part of last week there was very good herring fishing at Bonne Bay and boats secured from 5 to 30 tubs daily.

Last week the herring in Humber Arm meshed best by day, and those who set for day fishing secured good hauls.

The sch. Bohemia found herring scarce at Bonne Bay, and has come to Bay of Islands seeking a cargo. She is now at Middle Arm.

The Lunenburg sch. Nobility, chartered by Davis Bros. of Gloucester, arrived at Bay of Islands on Saturday seeking herring cargo.

At the upper part of the Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, herring have been numerous for some time, and boats get from 5 to 25 tubs per fleet.

The weather last week was very stormy, and herring fishermen at North Arm lost considerable time, being able to get to their nets, only three days for the week.

The American vessel Tattler, and the Lunenburg vessel, J. B. Young, after herring cargoes, arrived at Woods Island on Monday.

There are four vessels at Bonne Bay seeking herring cargoes. The Lizzie Griffin wants 300 barrels to finish, and the Blanche is trying to procure enough barreled herring to complete her cargo.

The following vessels arrived at Bay of Islands for herring cargoes from Wednesday to Friday: Harry A. Nickerson, Agnes, Oriole, Gossip, Ramona, Independence II.

Most of these vessels are now at North Arm.—Western Star, Dec. 2.

WAS WELL KNOWN HERE.

Capt. Thomas E. Wells of Pensacola Is Dead.

Capt. Thomas E. Wells, owner of the wholesale fish business of E. E. Saunders & Company, a large holder of real estate bank and grocery stock and other large interests, and ex-mayor of Pensacola, Fla., a resident for 38 years, died in that city recently. He was one of the most enterprising citizens the city has ever been honored with.

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HALIBUT BOATS ROUGHLY USED

Another vessel of the New England Fish Company has come to grief and is now at Yakutat, Alaska, awaiting a vessel to tow her south. She is the steamer Kingfisher, which has lost her propeller and broken her shaft. Orders have been given for the steamer New England to proceed North and bring the Kingfisher to port. This means a tow of nearly 1,000 miles. The New England had a bad time herself, losing gear to the value of \$1,800.

Salt Herring Receipts.

Receipts of Newfoundland herring at this port since November 10, when the first cargo was landed by sch. Atalanta, are 17,873 barrels, being divided into 16,372 barrels of salt bulk herring and 1501 of pickled herring. The herring was brought here by eight Gloucester vessels, three British schooners and one British steamer.

Did Well.

During the months of September, October and November a Boothbay Harbor, Me., fisherman made \$340 taking lobsters.

Going for Herring.

Capt. Lewis Wharton is fitting sch. Clintonia for a trip to Newfoundland for frozen herring.

Sch. Judique at Eastport.

Sch. Judique arrived at Eastport yesterday from the Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1300 barrels salt herring.

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Sardine Season Over.

The sardine factories of Maine are the stronger of the few that remain closing their doors. Fish flashed up sky-high in price toward the closing. Some fishermen reaped a harvest of from \$20 to \$25 a hoghead for fish. The season has been far from satisfactory because there was no carry-over of stocks from last year. That is a phase of the situation that buyers may have disregarded, but they are coming to grief if they expect to buy cheap sardines at this time of day. The pack is 500,000 short, but supplies in hand are even more short.—Fishing Gazette.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. William McKay, was in Portland yesterday with 10,000 pounds of fresh halibut, which sold for 15 1-2 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray. The Preceptor also has 12,000 pounds of salt cod, and 4000 pounds fresh fish.

Having New Foremast.

Sch. Rebecca is having a new foremast stepped at the Rocky Neck shears.

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CLAM FLATS ARE TO BE INSPECTED

Agent of U. S. Bureau of Fisheries Will Visit Essex River to Determine Cause of Depopulation of Great Beds.

As a result of a report submitted by Capt. Gustaf F. O. Hanson, commanding the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, stationed at this port, regarding the widespread death of the clams in Essex river, the Bureau of Fisheries has detailed H. W. Nightingale to make an inspection and submit a report on this subject.

This will be welcome news to the clambers who have for the past four or five years been bothered by the unknown disease depopulating many of the beds from which they formerly made a living.

Capt. Hanson, after making an investigation of conditions submitted a report, which in substance reads as follows:

"The first serious case of this unknown disease was found at Wheeler's reef near the lower end of Neck Channel in an area including about 10 acres, across which flows a strong current of salt water from Ipswich.

"This section previously supplied the best of clams. In the spring of 1909, a bed of young clams began to die and not over five per cent. were left alive. They became sick and watery, their necks turned black and they shrank one-third in size.

"In the fall when cold weather came, the sardine factories of Maine are the stronger of the few that remain closing their doors. Fish flashed up sky-high in price toward the closing. Some fishermen reaped a harvest of from \$20 to \$25 a hoghead for fish. The season has been far from satisfactory because there was no carry-over of stocks from last year. That is a phase of the situation that buyers may have disregarded, but they are coming to grief if they expect to buy cheap sardines at this time of day. The pack is 500,000 short, but supplies in hand are even more short.—Fishing Gazette.

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"The clams were not all stricken the same time, but the progress was like a contagious disease. The disease struck the bed near Conomo land, and about 60 per cent. died. The south side of Choate Island was affected, and about 20 per cent. of the bed died, but there was little damage done to the large part of the bed.

"This year the bed known as 'The Spit' was stricken and although many were killed on the western side, the disease did not spread over the entire bed.

"Since the disease first struck, the clams have seeded on Wheeler's reef at least three times, but they have gone the same way. In other places they have seeded, and they seem to all right.

"The stricken area below Conomo Point is where the water is cleanest and coldest during hot weather. Wheeler's reef may be the breeding place of the germs, or whatever causes the disease, and they are carried by the tide which distributes them over the river."

I will be seen that this is a serious matter, and the officials of the bureau recognizing it as such have detailed Mr. Nightingale to make an investigation. Capt. Hanson will do all in his power to assist and will place at the inspector's disposal the Grampus and its launch.

The clambers hope that as a result of the investigation something may be done to improve conditions of the clam beds.

STR. THELMA HAD A BIG SEASON

Steamer Thelma, owned by M. Wallen and Sons and Capt. Elroy Prior, has just finished her season's work, stocking \$15,298.67 in mackerel seining and netting. The share was \$573.53 clear, which makes a good eight months' work.

During the seining season the steamer in command of Capt. Prior, stocked \$13,663.92 from which the crew shared \$421.77 each. The steamer was in command of Capt. John F. Vautier in the netting branch, the stock being \$1634.75 and the share \$151.76.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, P. R., November 24.—O fish: Our markets are well supplied and we hear of substantial quantities due this week, which will no doubt tend to further weaken the situation. Last sales of spot goods were made \$30 per cask, but importers will buy for shipment at more than c.i.f. The demand continues fair.

Pollock and haddock: Prices declined to \$23.50 per cask of 44 "net ex wharf"; stocks, however, not excessive.—S. Ramirez & Co.

Will Stay Ashore.

Capt. Lemuel Spinney has given command of sch. John Hays Hammon and will remain ashore for the season. The vessel will now be fitted for docking by Capt. William McLean.